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RACHAEL EUBANKS STATE TREASURER

DATE:

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TO:

Gary McDowell

Director, Department of Natural Resources

FROM:

Rachael Eubanks

State Treasurer

SUBJECT:

Grain Dealer License Fee Inflationary Adjustment

MCL 285.68(8)(4) provides

Every year, the department [Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)] may adjust the fee schedule in subsection (1) by an amount determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative annual percentage change in the Detroit consumer price index over the 1-year period. An adjustment under this subsection shall not exceed 5% even if the amount determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative annual percentage change over the 1-year period is more than 5%. A fee adjusted under this subsection shall be rounded to the nearest \$5.00 increment. As used in this subsection, "Detroit consumer price index" means the most comprehensive index of consumer prices available for the Detroit area from the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor.

In fiscal year 2019, the Detroit consumer price index rose 1.0 percent. Therefore, MDARD may increase the fees specified in 285.68(8)(1) by 1.0 percent for calendar year 2020.

Below are tables of the fee amounts that MDARD levied in calendar year 2019 and the fee amounts that MDARD may levy in calendar year 2020:

CY 2019 Fee Amount	CY 2020 Fee Amount
\$525	\$530
\$655	\$660
\$785	\$795
\$920	\$930
\$1,045	\$1,055
	\$525 \$655 \$785 \$920

Vehicles Owned by Farm Produce Trucker	CY 2019 Fee Amount	CY 2020 Fee Amount
One Vehicle	\$525	\$530
Each Additional Vehicle	\$210	\$210

Grain Merchandiser's	CY 2019 Fee	CY 2020 Fee
License Fee	Amount	Amount
	\$1,045	\$1,055

Please call Eric Bussis (335-7438) or me (241-2624) if you have any questions.

cc: Jeff Haarer, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development –Farmer Produce Insurance Authority Administrator/Producer Security Section Manager

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